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FOR AMBASSADOR MCCLOSKEY FROM KEMPTON JENKINS

1. VIETNAM AID - WE HAVE STARTED TO COLLECT ESTIMATES OF
LIKELY CONGRESSIONAL REACTION TO THE POSSIBLE OPTIONS FOR
VIETNAM AID. WHILE IT IS STILL TOO EARLY TO SAY WITH
CERTAINTY THAT THIS WILL BE THE FINAL RESULT OF OUR
SAMPLING, THE TENTATIVE PATTERN WHICH HAS EMERGED IS
CERTAINLY SHARP.

2. THERE IS CLEAR RECEPTIVITY TO ANY REQUEST FOR
HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE AND REFUGEE AID. SENATOR MCGEE'S
CHIEF OF STAFF, ONE OF THE MOST PERCEPTIVE AND RELIABLE
STAFFERS ON THE HILL, SAYS THAT YOU COULD ASK FOR THE
MOON IN TERMS OF EMERGENCY HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE AND
GET IT. ANY REQUEST FOR SUPPLEMENTAL MILITARY ASSISTANCE,
HOWEVER, IS LIKELY TO BE TURNED DOWN COLD. MCGEE'S MAN
WARNED THAT EVEN THE RELATIVELY ROUTINE ANNUAL MILITARY
REQUEST IS NOW JEOPARDIZED BY REPORTS OF THE VIETNAMESE
ABANDONING HUNDREDS OF MILLION DOLLARS WORTH OF US EQUIP-
MENT AS THEY RETREATED FROM THE NORTHERN PROVINCES. THIS
POINT HAS BEEN ECHOED BY A NUMBER OF OTHER STAFFERS IN
BOTH HOUSES.

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